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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: Conference on Using Education to
Combat Terrorism and Extremism

11. Summary: Kuwaiti Arabic-language daily newspapers
praised a conference examining the role of education in
confronting extremism as being a good initiative taken by
the Ministry of Education. The conference, The First
International Conference on the Educational Dimensions in
the Treatment of Terrorism and Extremism Phenomenon, being
the first international conference to be held in the region
on the topic, was given minimal coverage and there was no
mention of it on any of the front pages of the five major
daily newspapers. End Summary.

Selected Headlines

12. Sunday, December 25, 2005

-- Al-Qabas, p. 10, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Confronting extremism
is the responsibility of the political and educational
elite"; "Al-Tuwaijri: Emptiness leads the youth to subscribe
to destructive ideas"; "Al-Jarallah: The participation of
youth in making their future in order to combat terrorism";
"Al-Hamed: Our curriculum does not incite extremism"

-- Al-Rai Al-Aam, p. 13, "The international conference on
youth aspirations for investing their free time: immunizing
future generations against ideological and behavioral
deviations"; "Rasha Al-Sabah: One hand in combating terror-
harboring ideological trends"; "Al-Mir: Filling youths' free
time eliminates problems in their paths"; "Al-Tuwaijri: Free
time is an attraction to all deviations and extremism is a
path to terrorism"

-- Al-Watan, p. 9, "Dr. Rashid Al-Hamed: Our curriculum is
free of calls to terrorism and extremism"; "Dr. Rasha Al-
Sabah: We condemn blind extremism"

-- Al-Seyassah, p. 4, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Terrorism and
extremism are phenomena, he who subscribes to them wants to
erase our religious culture and our civilized values"

-- Al-Anbaa, p. 8, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Kuwait is against blind
extremism, violence, and terrorism"

13. Monday, December 26, 2005

-- Al-Qabas, p. 15, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Youth participation in
shaping their future is the best step to combat terrorism"

-- Al-Rai Al-Aam, p. 15, "The conference on investing
youths' free time continues its work: Concentrating
information programs to isolate all forms of extremism and
terrorism"

-- Al-Watan, p. 19, "Youth participation in decision-making and including their issues in development policies"; "The organization of media programs to spread justice and isolate extremism as well as respecting different cultures and identities"; "Rasha Al-Sabah: Using youths' energies and directing them is the best way to partake in developing the country"

-- Al-Seyassah, p. 8, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Youth participation in shaping their future is the best way to combat the terrorism and extremism phenomena"

-- Al-Anbaa, p. 8, "Rasha Al-Sabah: Youth participation in shaping their future is the best way to protect them from extremism"

14. Tuesday, December 27, 2005

-- Al-Qabas, p. 10, "Al-Hamed: Kuwait share of extremism is lesser than the least"; "Bakir: Eliminating terrorism starts with studying its reasons first"; "Al-Twaijri: School curriculum that teaches tolerance"

-- Al-Rai Al-Aam, p. 10, "Al-Hamed opened the educational aspects for treating terrorism and extremism conference: Strict security measures eliminated the extremism that surfaced in Kuwait"; "Rasha Al-Sabah: We extend our hands to those calling for peace and security and the isolation of terrorism"

-- Al-Rai Al-Aam, p. 11, "Rasha Al-Sabah: The people of Kuwait are used to moderation and condemn extremism"

-- Al-Watan, p. 16, "Dr. Rashid Al-Hamed: Our mission is to

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correct the misperceptions of Islam and our educational institutions' role is to protect our youths from deviating ideologies"; "Faisal Al-Hajji: Extremism is condemned and moderation is our goal"; "Dr. Rasha Al-Sabah: Kuwaitis are against extremism"

-- Al-Seyassah, p. 4, "Al-Hamed: Our share of extremism is small and education shall be our weapon"

-- Al-Anbaa, p. 9, "Al-Hamed: Security apparatus completely eliminated extremists and Kuwait's share of terrorism is the least of all"; "Al-Atiyah: A bigger role for educational curriculum in combating terrorism"

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